

Preparedness at a Glance

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Welcome

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On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2015, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

• Joint Meetings

- Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.
- The next ITVs are scheduled for **October 8 from 1:30 – 3:30**
- The next Face to Face Joint meeting will be **November 19, 2014** in Versailles at the KCTCS building

• Planning/Training/Exercises

- LHDs will conduct a Seminar to discuss the LHD's implementation of Continuity of Operations plans and procedures. Participation should include defined tier staff according to LHD guidelines. Due **by December 31, 2014**
- After Action Reports/Improvement Plans or Executive Summary will be submitted to KDPH within **60 days of an exercise** or planned event, or within **120 days of a real-world event**.
- Local Health Departments will inventory PHEP/HPP purchased assets, inventory will include assets valued over 500 dollars and pilferable items. Due **December 31, 2014**.
- LHDs will develop, review and update (as necessary) the Local Health Department's jurisdiction SNS Plan and increase dispensing capability. Due **March 31, 2015**
- LHD will maintain a process to ensure key personnel within the LHD can be contacted within 30 minutes (24/7) via the agency's main phone number. **This ability will be tested by KDPH by June 30, 2015**
- Each LHD will determine appropriate staff needed during a response to a public health emergency or disaster and assure staff receives required training based on Training Matrix. Due **June 30, 2015**

MRC Deliverables

• Medical Reserve Corps Tasks

- Develop a Standard Operating Guideline that outlines acceptable volunteer criminal records check results for the MRC unit. Upload in Catalyst to KDPH by **September 30, 2014**. Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

EPI Deliverables

- Provide epidemiological consultation to all health departments in the assigned region as necessary.

Deliverable Update: Investigations

To meet this deliverable Epidemiologists will conduct investigations of disease, injury (as directed by KDPH), or exposure in response to natural or man-made threats or incidents and ensure coordination of investigation with jurisdictional partners. Coordinate and lead Epi Rapid Response Teams in the assigned region. Ensure the utilization of case investigation forms and NEDSS to record and report all occurrences of reportable diseases within the assigned region. Provide epidemiological consultation to all health departments in the assigned region as necessary. Enter outbreak data into NORS within 60 days of the outbreak closing date for all pertinent outbreaks. Submit a written summary report to KDPH within 30 days of the outbreak closing date for each outbreak investigated within the assigned region and document collaboration with internal and external partners in each report.

Local News:

Response to Board of Education Fire in Lincoln County

Submitted by Rebecca Hardin

On August 6, the day before school was set to start in Lincoln County, a fire broke out in the Board of Education building. Over 10 fire departments with approximately 100 firefighters battled the blaze from Noon into the evening hours. The preschool classrooms, school health services office and District's computer mainframe were destroyed while the Board offices and Ft. Logan High School sustained damage. Lincoln County Emergency Management and Stanford EMS requested firefighter rehab assistance from Boyle and Mercer Medical Reserve Corps Units. 6 Boyle MRC volunteers, 1 Mercer MRC volunteer and RPC for Region 15 South responded with 8 volunteers on stand-by. A total of 25 hours was donated. MRC volunteers distributed water, Gatorade, food and wet, cool washcloths to the responders. All of the rehab resources were donated from local businesses and vendors in an outpouring of support from the community. The cooperation of all involved resulted in none of the fire crews being treated by EMS. One senior firefighter stated that the wet washcloth draped on his neck was a "lifesaver". Involvement of MRC during the incident raised awareness with first responders in the surrounding counties that were present and through an interview by Boyle County Coordinator Brent Blevins with Channel 18. Brent even had someone walk up to the rehab tent just to ask how to join MRC! Boyle and Mercer MRCs have trained with their local fire departments on firefighter rehab in the past. The Lincoln County fire was their first activation to put their training to the test. Boyle and Mercer MRC Coordinators have followed up with their RPC afterwards in an after action review to continue to make improvements to the MRC rehab program. In addition, KCCRB was requested twice to speak to Board and preschool staff after this incident. Both KCCRB responses were greatly appreciated by the Board. Excellent example of ESF-8 in action!



Kentucky Tennessee Unified Planning Coalition

Submitted by Jerrod Wright



The Kentucky Tennessee Unified Planning Coalition (KY/TN UPC) met on August 22, 2014 at Macon County 911 Communications Center in Lafayette, TN and discussed Cross Border Notification Plan Training, Sharing Session/Best practices, KY LHD COOP Planning Templates, TN/KY State Health Operations Centers, KY/TN UPC Training and Exercise schedule, KY Disease Outbreak Support Plan and TN Response to Chikungunya, Measles and MERS-CoV.

The KY TN UPC meets on a quarterly basis at the Macon County 911 Communications Center in Lafayette, TN. All Kentucky and Tennessee preparedness partners are welcome to join the KY TN UPC and attend meetings, participate in planning, training and exercise activities.

Jill Ford, Monroe County Health Department Director, attended and was asked her thoughts in regards to the meeting. She stated, "I found the meeting to be very

informative and enjoyed the opportunity to meet and network with the different entities that represent the coalition. With Monroe County being one of the bordering counties to Tennessee, I think it is very wise for us to have representation at these meetings in order to assist and support multi-state planning efforts". For more information or to join, Kentucky local/District preparedness partners that have counties that border Tennessee can contact Jessica Gover at Jessica.Gover@ky.gov or (during her maternity leave) contact Jerrod Wright at 502-352-3982 or jerrod.wright@ky.gov

A Team Approach to Foodborne Outbreak Training

Submitted by Kim Hall

The course identified how the skills, resources and expertise of all levels of government can be effectively connected to improve collaboration during a foodborne outbreak within an integrated national food safety system. The course provided an overview of how participants fit within the National Response Framework (NRF) and shared strategies for how participants can leverage resources at all levels of government to build and maintain outbreak investigation and response capabilities.

The course had several breakout sessions that allowed participants to work together in many different scenarios.



HPP News:

ImageTrend Resource Bridge “KY’s New Integrated Patient Tracking System”

Submitted by Jim House

On August 27, 2014, the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) conducted an introductory training on the Patient Tracking Module of Resource Bridge, a web-based system from ImageTrend INC. Key personnel from the Kentucky Hospital Association, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, Department of Veterans Affairs, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness, University of Louisville, and Shelby County EMS participated in this training and provided valuable feedback to assist in the continued implementation of this system.



Resource Bridge Patient Tracking is a database-driven web application for tracking patients within the Commonwealth, funded with Hospital Preparedness Program Funds. This system is a component of the KY Emergency Medical Service Information System (KEMSIS) which is widely used by Kentucky's EMS services and providers. As such, it provides service to all areas of the state, since it provides anytime, anywhere access via an Internet browser. For situations when the Internet connectivity is not available, a standardized spreadsheet will be available to track patients and for uploading into the system when connectivity is available. Agencies will have the capability to manage their own users at a facility level, and across multiple facilities within the same system, and regionally.

Resource Bridge Patient Tracking will be available to local hospitals, EMS, and other stakeholders in the near future to support day-to-day and emergency operations at no cost. During a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI), incident management personnel at the local, region, or state level will be able to use this system to track patients, while maintaining patient privacy as required by HIPAA.

Once the system configuration has been finalized and approved for use, KBEMS and KDPH will coordinate with the Kentucky Hospital Association, Healthcare Coalitions, and EMS services to schedule training by December 2014.

EPI News: Ebola

Submitted by TJ Sugg

Ebola Virus Disease (BDV) continues to rapidly spread through West Africa. As of August 26, there have been 3,069 confirmed, probable, and suspect cases identified and 1,552 cases have died (approximately 51% mortality rate). There are many factors contributing to the continued rapid spread of the disease. Families are hiding infected loved ones in their homes. Others deny that a patient has EVD and believe care in an isolation ward will lead to infection and certain death. Quantities of staff, supplies, and equipment (including PPE), cannot keep up with the need. In rural villages, corpses are buried without notifying health officials and with no investigation of the cause of death. As soon as treatment facilities are opened, they are immediately filled with patients, many of whom were not previously identified. In addition, there are many rumors about EVD and many do not think it is real. The World Health Organization (WHO) speculates there are many more cases and deaths that have not been identified.

As of August 25, more than 240 health care workers have developed the disease in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone and more than 120 have died. Factors such as shortages of PPE or its improper use, far too few medical staff for such a large outbreak, and the compassion that causes medical staff to work in isolation wards far beyond the number of hours recommended as safe, are contributing to the high proportion of infected medical staff. In addition, several infectious diseases endemic to the region such as malaria, typhoid fever, and Lassa fever, mimic the initial symptoms of EVD, so doctors and nurses may see no reason to suspect EVD and do not take protective measures. The loss of so many doctors and nurses has made it difficult for WHO to secure support from sufficient numbers of foreign medical staff.

To date, no cases of EVD have been identified in Kentucky. KDPH issued Public Health Advisories on August 23 pertaining to (1) Voluntary Home Quarantine for Health Care Workers Returning from Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria, (2) Enhanced Infection Control Strategies in Healthcare Settings When Providing Care for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Ebola Virus Disease, and (3) Education and Risk Assessments for Students and Other Personnel for Ebola Virus Disease. These Public Health Advisory recommendations may be updated as new information becomes available. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to issue guidance and update information regularly. For current information, please visit CDC's EVD page at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/> and the KDPH Health Alerts page: <http://healthalerts.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Health care providers have been instructed to make immediate person-to-person contact with a public health professional at their local or state health department to report an individual with suspected or confirmed EVD in Kentucky. Please ensure someone from your local health department can be reached 24/7 by health care providers and/or KDPH staff. Afterhours, weekends, and holidays, KDPH can be reached at 888-9REPORT (888-973-7678).

News from the Branch:

LFCHD Accreditation

Congratulations to Lexington-Fayette County Health Department for meeting all of the requirements for national accreditation! Only 44 other health departments in the nation have received this honor. Madison County HD, Franklin County HD, Northern KY District HD and Three Rivers are among a select group of health departments that have received national accreditation. This means Kentucky has 5 of the 44 accredited health departments in the nation.

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department has been helping their community since 1904.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) measures health department's performance against a set of nationally recognized, private focus and evidence based standards.

Congratulations to Lexington-Fayette on achieving national accreditation!



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Access and Functional Needs

Guidance on Integrating People with Access and Functional Needs into Disaster Preparedness Planning for States and Local Governments

During a disaster, it has been observed that certain at-risk individuals, specifically those with access and functional needs, have required additional response assistance before, during, and after an incident. These additional considerations for at-risk individuals with access and functional needs are vital towards inclusive planning for the whole community, and have been mandated for inclusion in federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local public health emergency plans by the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Such plans must also meet applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

This guidance will introduce and connect you to available resources and inclusive strategies for integrating the access and functional needs of at-risk individuals into emergency preparedness, response, and recovery planning at all jurisdictional levels.

I. Guidance

ASPR/Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreements provides leadership and funding to states, territories, and eligible municipalities to improve surge capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies. HPP Program funding supports the following activities: Enhanced Planning, Increasing Integration, and Improving Infrastructure. PHEP cooperative agreements specifically target the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable. Both HPP and PHEP Capabilities address planning for at-risk individuals.

▶ Key HPP accomplishments

ABC Tools and Resources

- ▶ At-Risk Individuals
- ▶ Behavioral Health
- ▶ Community Resilience
- ▶ ABC Resource Library
- ▶ Contact ABC

HHS's FAN Planning site goes live

US Department of Health and Human Services has developed a site to assist in planning for Emergency Preparedness planning for Function and Access needs. The **Guidance on Integrating People with Access and Functional Needs into Disaster Preparedness Planning for States and Local Governments** is now live and available on their website located at <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/afn-guidance.aspx>

This website contains many useful tools including a "toolkit" for state and local planners. KOIN has been listed as a national promising practice on the website.

Kenyetta Pinkston is our FAN Coordinator. If you would like to have additional information about FAN planning or Kentucky efforts to address FAN populations, please contact her at Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.aov.

RPCs Provide Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 COOP Seminar Train the trainer

On August 26, 2014 Region 1, 2, 3 and 4 held the Western Kentucky Preparedness Staff Workshop at the new facilities of the Marshall County Health Department in Benton, Kentucky. The workshop covered the 2014-2015 deliverables, associated resources and provided a Train the Trainer presentation for the COOP seminar, an upcoming deliverable requirement. The participants gained information concerning the expectations for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and also received the tools to assist them with setting up and delivering their individual COOP seminars. The major goal of this workshop was to use the deliverable resources provided by the state, along with other best practices to insure understanding of tasks requested and to also help in the development and implementation of each LHDs COOP seminar. This course was approved for 3.6 RS CE's and 4.4 Nursing CE's.



Special Funding Opportunity for 2015 SNS Full-Scale Exercise

Kentucky Department for Public Health is providing local health departments a special funding to support the statewide 2015 Full-Scale Strategic National Stockpile Exercise scheduled for June 16-18, 2015.

Thanks to all of the health departments who have applied to either host, participate in, or support an exercise so far. Awardees will be notified no later than September 15, 2014.

Training - Know How

Public Information Officers/spokesperson CERC class

Click [here](#).

Online Course

Medical Management of CBRNE Events

Gateway Community and Technical College Edgewood Campus

Contact: Bill Turner (859-547-3150)

Registration required by October 25 at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12_FxSsrRppYVJyd0pNDNvy1-pppUD5NcJL6aMZmlrk/viewform

October 29 – 30

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Events and Exercises

CVG Airport Full Scale Exercise

September 5

Rugged Red ½ Marathon and MRC activation

September 6

7:00am – 1:00pm – MRC Units from Regions 12 and 15 South

Northern KY CRI

September 16

Contact: Lloyd Peniston

CSEEP Exercise

September 17

Boyle ARC shelter Exercise

September 25

Contact Rebecca Hardin or Brent Blevins

KOIN/KY Functional Needs Collaborative Workshop

October 22

10:00 – 12:00 ET Contact: BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov

BECKY meeting

October 30

Contact: Doug Thoroughman

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PIO Listserv

Anyone is interested in being added to the Public Information Officer (PIO) distribution listserv, please contact Barbara Fox (BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov)

KOIN/KFNC ITV Workshop

Submitted by Barbara Fox

The Kentucky Department for Public Health will be hosting a statewide joint emergency preparedness ITV meeting for functional and access needs populations on **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to noon ET** with local health departments and Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN)/Kentucky Functional Needs Collaborative (KFNC) members in an effort to try and bring regional group members together with their local or regional health departments. We are combining the efforts of the KOIN and the KFNC into this meeting and will have guest speakers on topics related to emergency preparedness measures for functional and access needs populations.

This year's presentations will include: an update on kyconnect, Kentucky's Healthcare Connection; Chronic Disease Resource Manual for Disaster Preparedness; How the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board Responds to a Disaster; Kentucky Programs for the Elderly – Ensuring Services during Emergencies; Medical Countermeasures for Community Preparedness; and a KFNC update.

LHD staff can sign up for participation at available ITV sites listed on TRAIN and add additional sites as necessary.

Course Information: 2014 KOIN/KFNC Joint ITV Workshop, Course ID#1050494, MRN#1803129.

Please feel free to contact Barbara Fox (BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov, (502) 564-6786, ext. 3102) or Kenyetta Pinkston (Kenyetta.Pinkston@ky.gov, (502) 564-7243, ext. 4049) with any questions or concerns.

Holiday Reminder

KDPH and some Local Health Departments will be closed on the following days:

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 27 & 28
Thanksgiving

Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out October 3, 2014. Submissions for the newsletter should be sent to KimD.Yazell@ky.gov by September 19